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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN ON US-TURKEY DEFENSE
COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA)

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF PORTIONS OF DEPARTMENT
MIDDAY NEWS BRIEFING JANUARY 21 ON SUBJECT OF DCA
AND RELATED MATTERS. SPOKESMAN DID NOT BRIEF PRESS FOLLOW-
ING 3:00 P.M. MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY-DESIGNATE
VANCE AND TURKISH AMBASSADOR, ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL
DID ANSWER SEVERAL PRESS QUESTIONS ON LEAVING DEPARTMENT.

2. Q: ARE YOU ABLE TO SHED ANY LIGHT ON UHAT HAPPENED
WITH THE TURKISH DEFENSE AGREEMENT THAT PROVOKED SOME
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UNHAPPINESS FOR MR. VANCE'S AIDES?

A: I CAN CONFIRM THAT THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT
WITH TURKEY WAS SENT BY PRESIDENT FORD TO CONGRESS WITHOUT
CONSULTING THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. WE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY
INFORMED THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE SENT FORWARD,
SINCE WE HAD INITIATED A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE MATTER,

WHICH WOULD NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL THE CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION.

Q: WHO IS "WE" IN THAT SENTENCE?

A: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Q: WHICH DEPARTMENT OF STATE? SERIOUSLY, KISSINGER?

A: NO. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THIS REVIEW IS A NORMAL PART OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD. IT APPLIES TO OTHER FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, AS WELL, NOT EXCLUSIVELY THE DCA, BY ANY MEANS. WE HOPE THAT NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE CONGRESS UNTIL THIS REVIEW IS COMPLETED

Q: ARE YOU SPEAKING AS THE SPOKESMAN FOR MR. VANCE, MR. KISSINGER, MR. HABIB, OR MR. FUNSETH?

A: I AM SPEAKING AS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Q: ALL RIGHT. YOU HAVE A PREPARED REMARK THERE, AND I DIDN'T WRITE AS FAST AS I SHOULD HAVE. "WE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY INFORMED ---"

A: -- THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE SENT FORWARD, SINCE WE HAD INITIATED A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE MATTER WHICH WOULD NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL THE CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION HAD TAKEN PLACE.
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Q: IT IS SENT UP BY THE WHITE HOUSE, THEN, IS THAT WHAT HAPPENED?

A: YES. THAT'S WHAT I JUST SAID.

Q: JUST TO REMOVE THE "KAFKA-ESQUE" CLOUDING OF THIS, BOTH MR. HABIB AND MR. HARTMAN, WHO PRESUMABLY HAD SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THIS, WERE WORKING FOR BOTH THE OLD AND THE NEW ADMINISTRATIONS. WERE THEY BOTH UNAWARE OF WHAT THE PRESIDENT WAS DOING?

A: BERNIE, I WILL JUST SAY WHAT I HAVE SAID BEFORE: PRESIDENT FORD SENT THE TURKISH DCA TO CONGRESS WITHOUT CONSULTING THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

Q: DID HE SEND IT WITHOUT CONSULTING THE OLD ADMINISTRATION?

A: I WILL JUST HAVE TO LEAVE IT AS I HAVE SAID IT FOR

THE MOMENT.

Q: FRED, NO, NO. THAT'S NOT THE END OF IT. LOOK, FRED,
FRED: WHAT FORD DID ON TURKEY IS VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH

WHAT HENRY KISSINGER HAS STOOD FOR IN THE CYPRUS AREA
AND IN THAT NATO PROBLEM FOR A LONG TIME; AND I
REALLY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW -- AND I THINK WE ALL WOULD LIKE
TO KNOW -- WAS THERE AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE DEPART-
MENT UNDER MR. KISSINGER'S STEWARDSHIP THAT THIS WOULD NOT
BE SENT UNTIL CARTER COMPLETED HIS REVIEW -- AND I THINK
THEY HAD A DATE FOR THAT, FEBRUARY 3, ET CETERA, AND
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

DID THE SECRETARY CONCUR IN THE WHITE HOUSE'S JUDGMENT
TO SEND THE TURKISH AID PACKAGE TO CONGRESS?

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A: WE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY INFORMED THAT THE DCA WAS NOT
GOING TO BE SENT FORWARD, PENDING A COMPLETION OF THE
GENERAL REVIEW OF A NUMBER OF FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS.

Q: SO , MR. KISSINGER WAS TAKEN BY SURPRISE?

A: I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE WAS TAKEN BY SURPRISE OR NOT;
I COULD NOT COMMENT ON THAT AT ALL. BUT I THINK IT IS
AS I DESCRIBED IT. THERE IS AN ONGOING REVIEW OF A NUMBER
OF FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, AS IS NORMAL FOR A TRANSITION
PERIOD; AND IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DCA WAS
NOT GOING TO BE SENT FORWARD. IT WAS -- WITHOUT
CONSULTATION. I'M SIMPLY STATING OUR VIEW.

Q: WHO INFORMED THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT IT WOULD NOT
BE SENT FORWARD?

A: I DON'T KNOW.

Q: WELL, THIS SEEMS TO ME TO BE THE CRITICAL POINT RIGHT
HERE. CAN WE FIND OUT WHO INFORMED -- WAS THIS SOMETHING
DONE BY THE NSC STAFF OR BY ONE OF THE PERSONAL ADVISERS
TO THE PRESIDENT, OR WHAT?

A: PEOPLE CONCERNED WITH SUCH MATTERS AS THE TURKISH
DCA HAD BEEN INFORMED AND UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WOULD NOT
GO FORWARD.

Q: INFORMED BY WHOM?

A: I CANNOT TELL YOU THAT. I DON'T KNOW.

Q: CAN YOU INQUIRE WHO INFORMED THEM OF THIS?

A: I DON'T THINK WE ARE GOING TO GET INTO WHO SAID

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WHAT TO WHOM IN SUCH DETAIL.

Q: THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THIS WAS A UNILATERAL ACTION ON THE PART OF THE WHITE HOUSE OR WHETHER THIS WAS DONE IN CONSULTATION WITH SOME PEOPLE ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR WHO DIDN'T BOTHER TO INFORM THE PEOPLE HANDLING TURKISH, GREEK AND CYPRIOT PROBLEMS.

A: I REALLY CAN'T ENLIGHTEN YOU ON WHO SAID WHAT TO WHOM WITH REGARD TO THE ASSURANCE THAT IT WOULD NOT GO FORWARD UNTIL THE GENERAL POLICY REVIEW HAD BEEN MADE.

Q: CAN YOU TAKE A QUESTION ON IT, AS TO WHO INFORMED THE STATE DEPARTMENT SO MAYBE WE CAN CLARIFY WHO DID THIS?

A: WELL, I WILL LOOK INTO IT.

Q: DO YOU KNOW IF THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR HAS SEEN EITHER MR. HABIB OR MR. VANCE TODAY?

A: AMBASSADOR ESENBEL IS ON THE SCHEDULE TO SEE MR. VANCE THIS AFTERNOON, I BELIEVE. I UNDERSTAND THAT APPOINTMENT WAS SCHEDULED A NUMBER OF DAYS AGO, WELL BEFORE THE SUBJECT THAT WE HAVE JUST TALKED ABOUT AROSE.

Q: WAS THIS EXPLANATION GIVEN TO THE GREEK EMBASSY?

A: YES. THEY HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF JUST WHAT I HAVE TOLD YOU.

Q: DID THEY ASK, OR WHAT HAPPENED?

A: WE INFORMED THEM.

Q: BEFORE THEY ASKED? I MEAN, DID THEY COME IN COMPLAINING
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OR --

A: I DON'T KNOW THE TIMING OF IT, BUT IT WAS DONE WHEN THE SUBJECT FIRST AROSE.

Q: FRED, DO YOU KNOW IF A DATE HAS BEEN SET, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, FOR RESUMING DRAFTING OF THE AGREEMENT WITH GREECE?

THERE IS AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE. THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IS STILL LACKING. IS THERE A DATE FOR GETTING TO WORK ON IT?

A: THE LAST I CHECKED THAT, THE DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET.

Q: IS THERE A GENERAL TIME?

A: NO, I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY TIME FRAME. WE ARE, OF COURSE, WAITING UNTIL WE GET IN GEAR AGAIN WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. I THINK A TIME WILL BE SET IN DUE COURSE, BUT I HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO WHEN IT WILL BE PRECISELY.

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